

## Management Objectives:

The following Management Objectives will help to achieve the mission of the Fisheries Division :

1. To improve the Fisheries Division's management capabilities;
2. To strengthen the capability of the Fisheries Division to integrate the sub-sector concerns in the wider framework of Coastal Zone Management and Development Planning. This entails the following broad strategic elements:
  - Consolidation of the fisheries information base.
  - Awareness creation of the socio-economic contribution of the fisheries sector and of its role as a natural unit of the environment.
  - Strengthening of organizations and representation among the fishermen, fishing communities and other related occupations;
  - Promotion of the supportive role of the Fisheries Division in coastal Zone Management.
3. To increase the role the fishing industry in the building of the national economy, by
  - increasing local fish production and per capita consumption of fish;
  - enhancement of the socio-economic status of fishers;
  - encouraging optimal exploitation of marine resources;
  - maximizing employment opportunities in the fisheries sector;
  - The modernization of the fishing industry by the introduction of new technology.
4. To develop processing industries to reduce importation of fish products;
5. To increase incomes and returns to fishermen and other members of the fishing Community;
6. To increase investments, profits and employment opportunities throughout the fisheries sector;
7. To increase output of fish and therefore fish protein supplies;
8. To improve the market capability for fish. Marketing improvement will help to enhance product quality and increase its value;
9. To upgrade fishing capabilities and strengthen the fishing operations of existing small scale fishermen;
10. To lay the groundwork for fisheries infrastructure, especially relating to the capture, distribution and marketing of fish;
11. To design and implement a training and extension programme in order to improve the status and career orientation of all participants in the fisheries sector and to increase public awareness of fisheries potential;
12. To improve facilities for landing, marketing, storage, distribution and quality enhancement of fish. These are required to handle an improved harvest.